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1. Location:

Starting from the Moskovski railroad station in Leningrad (see Annex), one had first to ride west on 25th-October Street for about 600 meters, then another street, branching off rectangularly to the south for about 600 to 800 meters. From this street another branched off in a southwestern direction. Driving straight down this street for about 400 meters, one reached the entrance of the bunker. About 200 meters before the bunker, one street more branched off to the west.

2. Entrance:

About 200 meters from the entrance, the street began to slope. It descended about 15 to 20 meters in a 200-meter distance. The entrance was about 1.5 meters thick. They were coated with an earth layer about 4 meters in thickness. A small guardhouse was in front of the entrance.

3. Turning-point:

A turning-point was about 100 to 200 meters inside the bunker. It was about 80 meters in diameter and about 5 meters in height. The square was surrounded by wooden platforms about 60 cm high. On these platforms was stored building material which was conveyed to the alleys and galleries on tarpaulins. Gravel supplied by tipping trucks was shipped to the interior by a field railway.

4. Main alley to the interior:

The main alley was so wide that two trucks could pass without difficulty. It was about 4 meters high. At 20 to 30-meter intervals galleries branched off the main alley to the right and left. The entrances to the galleries were concreted and furnished with locked doors. These were inscribed with "Voyenny Sklad".

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## 5. Secondary alleys:

Looking from the turning point in the direction of the main alley, two secondary alleys branched off, one to the right, one to the left, each approximately at a right angle. These alleys were also concreted, about 3½ meters wide and 3 meters high. Galleries closed with doors branched off both sides of the secondary alleys at intervals of about 20 to 30 meters just as in the main alley. The inscriptions on the doors were also the same. A red cross was fixed to several doors of the left secondary alley. There was a smell of medicine.

## 6. Lighting:

Electricity.

## 7. Ventilation:

Fans, each 60 cm in diameter, were built-in at irregular intervals. In certain places smoking was permitted, e.g. at the entrance and the turning-point. Semi-underground water containers had been installed there.

## 8. Road signs or further inscriptions were not observed. Only at the turning-point had advertising boards, inscribed with the designations of the most efficient details, been fixed to the walls.

## 9. Guards:

Two sentries with rifles stood at the entrance. Any person entering the bunker had to produce a special identity card at a small guardhouse. A warrant officer was commander of the guard. The guards wore Soviet Army uniforms. A green crossbar was on their epaulets. Their caps were green bordered. In the installation itself, only workers were observed, no officers or EN.

## 10. According to Soviet workers the installation was scheduled to be completed by November 1949.

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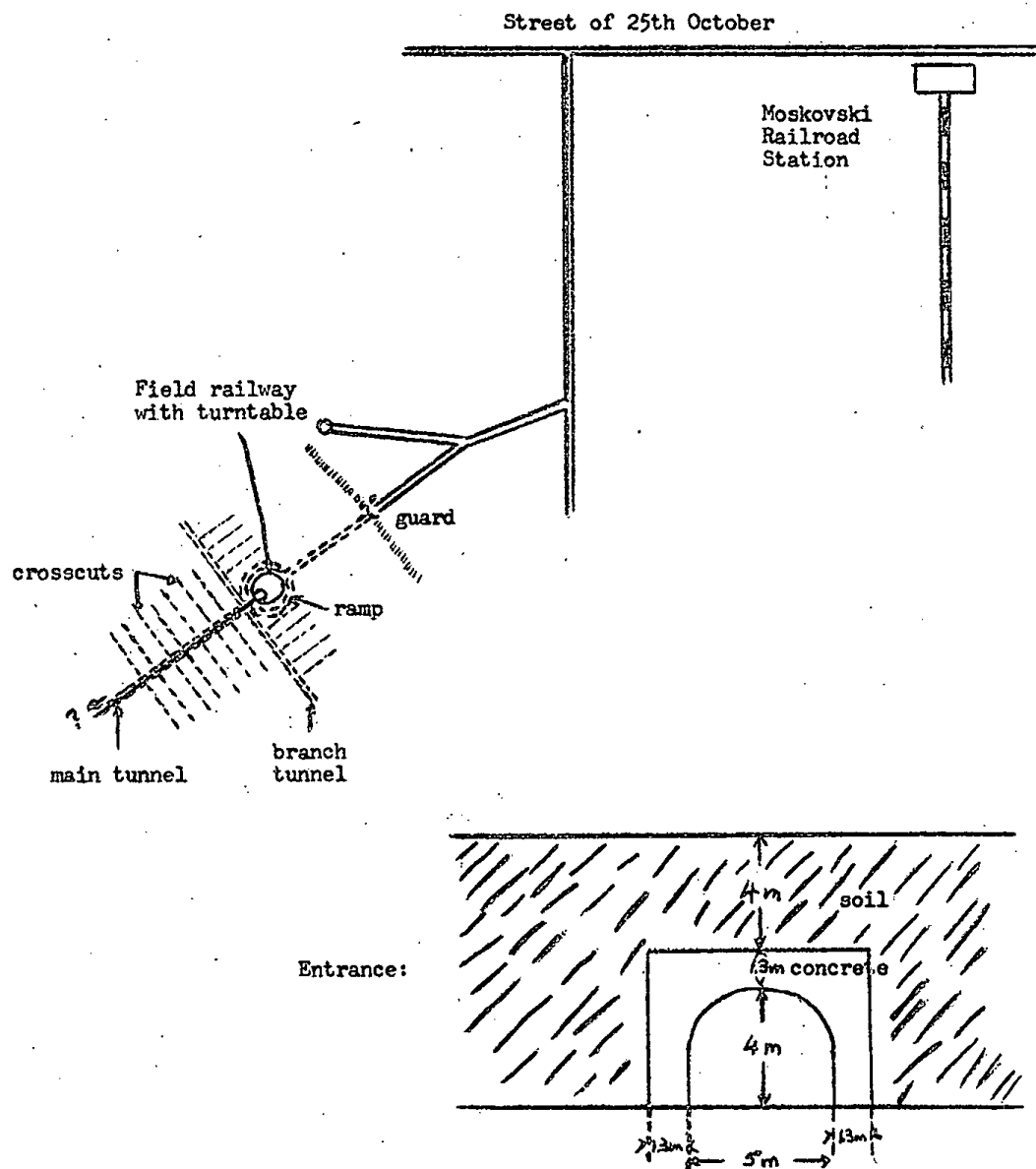
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Despite the rather precisely indicated distance it is difficult to exactly locate the bunker as the next thoroughfare would be concerned even if the indicated distances were but slightly wrong. The bunker may be under Sennaya Square [as] well as near Samoshen Square.

Construction of the bunker and the indicated details are deemed credible and may be confirmed by further reports. The "Voienne sklad" inscription means military post. It is inferred that military equipment is stored there. From the fact that the bunker is guarded by MVD troops it cannot be concluded that an MVD depot is under construction there. Such a bunker may, in wartime, serve military purposes as well as civil ones, such as civil air defense or medical aid.

1 Annex: Blueprint, Air raid bunker in Leningrad.

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